

## JAPANESE EAST REPLY TODAY

## 26,000 PACKING HOUSE WORKERS CUT OWN WAGES

Agree With Officials That Reduction is Necessary—Effective Nov. 28.

## PRECEDENT IS MADE

First Time in History Lowering of Salaries is Thus Accomplished.

## BULLETIN.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 18.—The 5,000 members of the Omaha chapter of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, will not accept the wage reduction agreement made Friday in Chicago between representatives of Armour and company and the "plant committee" according to a statement made Friday night by J. W. Burns, secretary of district council number five of the meat cutters and butcher workmen.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Employees of Armour & Co., 26,000 in all, Friday, through their plant governing committee, agreed with officials of the packing house that a wage reduction is necessary, and fixed its amount. The cut is effective Nov. 28. This is the first time in the history of the industry that a wage reduction has been arrived at in such a manner. Employees of Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy Packing Co., who are holding plant conferences, are expected to accept similar reductions, and Morris & Co. has announced it will follow the example of the others.

## "Plant Congress" System.

All of the "Big Five" except Morris & Co. last spring inaugurated the "plant congress" system of employee participation in the management of the industry. The agreement between Armour & Co. and its employees followed a two-day conference. Twenty-four employees, representative of the plant councils in nine cities, met with an equal number of company officials. The books were opened and financial statements of the company explained. The question was put to a vote and the following reductions, effective in all plants except that at Fort Worth, Tex., adopted:

For piece workers, 8 per cent; unskilled labor, getting 45 cents an hour or less, 7 1/2 cents; semi-skilled labor, getting 45 and 50 cents an hour, 3 cents. A minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for adult female labor is provided.

These reductions apply to plants in Chicago, St. Paul, Sioux City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver.

The reductions at Fort Worth, (Continued on page two)

## ROUND UP CHICAGO

## FOOTBALL SCALPERS

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Palmer E. Anderson, chief field deputy of the international revenue collector's office today assigned 50 deputies to round up scalpers who have sold tickets for the Chicago-Wisconsin football game Saturday at advanced prices without paying the required 50 percent tax.

Tickets were reported plentiful in downtown broker offices at prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$15.50. Standing room pasteboards, at \$1.50 for the \$2.50 seats.

University of Chicago authorities announced Friday that William Sears Charlevoix, Mich., a sophomore, had been suspended for ticket scalping.

## AUSTRIAN PEACE PACT

## SIGNED BY HARDING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Peace between the United States and Austria was Friday formally declared by a signed proclamation by President Harding.

## SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

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## Two on the Hip Sends Boy to Jail For a Long Term

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Nov. 18.—The drastic operation of the West Virginia state prohibition laws is shown by the penalty imposed upon Claude Metz, a young man, by Judge E. M. Showalter, of the Marion county criminal court, here. Metz was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary, at Moundsville, for having two bottles of whiskey on his hip. That seems rather severe, but the state law provides that a second conviction for violation of the prohibition law is a felony punishable with penitentiary confinement, and the prosecution showed that Metz had once before served a jail term for violating the prohibition laws. In addition, the judge said, in passing sentence, Metz had been arrested numerous times for bootlegging.

## CONGRESS WOULD NOT BE ASKED FOR ARMAMENT OKAY

## Solons Need Not Act on Any Reduction Program Before World Parley.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Congress would not be called upon to act on any armament reduction program in view of the administration unless the agreement reached was put into the form of a treaty. Warships to be scrapped, administrative officials declared, could be disposed of without congressional action under the authority the navy now has of declaring a vessel no longer useful and directing its disposal.

"Understanding of Policy." So far as the questions of the far east are concerned, it is indicated clearly that the administration believed an international "understanding" of policy would result rather than a formal treaty.

The officials holding these views expressed entire readiness to lay before congress any agreement in which the senate or house should feel they had a right to be consulted, but declared that so far as the present outlook was concerned they could see no occasion to raise a constitutional question.

Matters of naval appropriation, it was said, naturally would have to be dealt with by congress in order to carry out the terms of any agreement, but confidence was expressed that no conflict would arise on that point. It was emphasized that no one could predict now whether the armament agreement eventually would take the form of a treaty or merely such an understanding as would not require senate ratification.

## Authority Used Before.

The authority under which it was suggested ships could be scrapped without action by congress has been exercised heretofore in general disposition of obsolete warcraft. The procedure involves condemnation by a naval board, after which an executive order would be issued by the president for sale or destruction of the ship.

Some of these considerations are being discussed here today at Friday's cabinet meeting, the first to be attended by Secretary Hughes since the armament conference began. As head of the American delegation Mr. Hughes laid before his colleagues in the cabinet a statement of the present situation in the conference and the report was discussed at some length.

## MEXICAN FEDERALS GET ARMS FROM U. S.

## 50,000 Rounds of Ammunition Released Into Lower California.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 18.—Secretary of State Hughes Friday telephoned Customs Collector Briggs here giving permission for the Mexican federalists to take a large consignment of rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition into lower California from this country.

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## WOMAN DEFIES BURGLAR; SAVES JEWEL FORTUNE

Mrs. Maurice Collmer, 1238 Meade St., Fires at Would-Be Intruder.

## BRAVERY IS PRAISED

Disregards Order of Hold-Up Man, Although Looking Into Muzzle of Gun.

Threatened with death by a burglar who pointed a revolver at her through a partly opened door, Mrs. Maurice Collmer, 1238 Meade st., answered by rushing for a revolver and firing at the man who had made persistent efforts to rob her home.

Her bravery and courage in the face of danger saved jewels worth \$12,000, which had been kept in the home.

She answered his ring at the door. He pointed a revolver at her through the door which was protected by a chain, and demanded:

"Open the door or I'll blow your brains out."

Mrs. Collmer did not faint or scream—she yielded.

Instead she dashed through the hall, secured a revolver and fired through a back window at the burglar who had run to the rear of the house in his way to liberty.

The bravery of the young married woman, one of the prettiest in South Bend, was the only reason for the repulse of what has been termed by the police as the most daring holdup brought to light here for some time.

Mrs. Collmer was baking a cake in the kitchen of her home when the door bell started to ring persistently. Believing that it was a neighbor who had but a moment to spare as she was anxious to call at the home, Mrs. Collmer went to the front door which was locked by a bolt and a burglar safety device, that would allow the door to open about six inches. No light was burning in the front of the house.

## "Open the Door!"

Opening the door the woman was startled to hear a voice shout "Open this door or I'll blow your brains out." A revolver hit close to her head.

The burglar leaped over the railing of the front porch and dashed for the rear of the home. Mrs. Collmer recovered, almost immediately from her fright dashed to her husband's bedroom and seized a revolver that was lying on a bureau.

Man Accuses Suspicion.

The brave woman then telephoned her husband who is manager of the South Bend Carriage Co., and notified him of the attempted theft. Realizing the value of the jewelry at the home and fearful for the safety of his wife, Maurice Collmer rushed to the scene in his car. The neighbors started by the shot from the pistol were crowded about his home and Mrs. Collmer had collapsed from the effects of her experience.

For several days the residence of N. Meade st., have been aroused by the suspicious actions of a man, whose description is now in the hands of the authorities, who was seen prowling about the street and the yards of that vicinity.

It was the third attempt to break

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## FAMILY OF EIGHT KILLED BY STORM

## Tornado Wipes Out Home, But Little Damage Done Elsewhere.

MEINA, Ark., Nov. 18.—Eight persons in the home of Robert E. Weems, near Wickes, a small town 25 miles south of here, were killed Thursday night when a tornado wrecked the house.

The dead are Mrs. Robert Weems, her daughters, Mrs. Mattie Feltz and the Misses Kernen, Bela and Vera Weems, her son, Warner Weems, aged 23, and Hawley Feltz, brother-in-law of Mrs. Feltz.

The body of Miss Verda Weems was found in a patch of woods half a mile from the wrecked home. Robert Weems was at Wickes when the storm struck and discovered the fate of his family and home when he went there after the wind subsided. He notified neighbors and searchers worked all night before all of the victims were found.

Damage was not general in the community, the storm seemingly struck only in the immediate vicinity of Weems' home.

You business men should eat your noonday luncheons in the Oliver Cafe—wholesome tasty food—\$5c. 320-11

## Queen Plans Trip to U. S.



Queen Marie Alexandra Victoria of Rumania, who is planning a trip to the United States to interest Yankows in Red Cross and other charitable work in Rumania. The country has not recovered from the tragedy of the war and the powers that be want outside help. Her traveling companion will be the Princess Ileana, one of her younger children, who bids fair to be the beauty of the family.

## 'I'D QUIT IN THE FACE 500,000 RAILROAD OF SUCH EVIDENCE' WORKERS AFFECTED SEN. POMERENE SAYS BY BOARD'S RULING

## Ohio Senator Would "Fight Battle of Life" in Newberry-Ford Case.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Declaring by Sen. Pomerene, democrat, Ohio, that he would resign if evidence such as that submitted against Sen. Newberry were adduced against him, Newberry was adduced against him marked further consideration by the senate Friday of Henry Ford's contest of Mr. Newberry's seat as senator from Michigan.

"If I stood here with such evidence against me, I would resign from the senate at once," said Mr. Pomerene.

## "Would Fight for Life."

"If I were innocent, I'd fight the battle of my life for my rights; I would not remain silent."

Mr. Pomerene charged majority members of the senate elections committee, presided over by Sen. Spencer, republican, Missouri, had blocked all efforts to gather pertinent testimony in its investigation of the case. He asserted that if the committee had wished to be "fair" it would have subpoenaed Mr. Newberry and also would have attempted to get facts about the Newberry case out of the hands of the officials of the banks which had Newberry accounts.

Mr. Spencer denied Mr. Newberry was afraid to appear before the committee or that the committee feared to call the senator because his testimony might hurt his case. On the contrary, Mr. Spencer argued, Mr. Newberry as well as most of the republican members of the committee regarded the Michigan senator's presence as unnecessary.

## NEGRO IS EXECUTED BY MONTANA MOB

## Black, Accused of Attack on Young White Woman, Shot to Death.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 18.—Will Turner, a negro, charged with assault upon a young white woman Friday was taken by a mob from a sheriff's posse while being removed to Marianna for safe keeping. After being shot to death, his body was brought back here and burned in the city park.

## VOTE ON MATERNITY BILL EXPECTED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—After devoting six hours to debate over the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill, the house adjourned Friday night until 11 o'clock Saturday morning, when the discussion will be resumed.

Rep. Mondell, republican leader, said he expected a final vote on the measure before the over-Sunday adjournment.

## ARBUCKLE JURY IS COMPLETED; EXPERTS HEARD

Medical Men Testify as to Effects of "Cold Water" on Victim.

## THROUGH JAMS COURT

Attorneys for Both Sides Aim to Speed Up Trial of Film Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Final selection of the jury and the introduction of expert medical testimony were Friday's developments in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe. The court room was crowded.

Doctors Selby P. Strange, acting city autopsy surgeon, and William Ophuls, who conducted both external and internal examinations of Miss Rappe's body, were the first witnesses.

They described the injury said to have caused Miss Rappe's death. The prosecution accuses Arbuckle of causing the injury.

Dr. Ophuls asked as to whether Miss Rappe's fatal injury might have been caused by sudden immersion in a tub of cold water, said that such an injury was possible from such a cause.

Miss Rappe was immersed in a tub of cold water during the party in Arbuckle's hotel rooms at which it is alleged she was fatally injured.

Gavin McNab, chief counsel for the defense, suggested that no session be held tomorrow on account of the football game between California and Stanford universities.

The court said he desired to proceed tomorrow. Court and counsel left the matter to the jury to decide overnight.

## CONGRESS TO CONSIDER FORD'S SHOALS OFFER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—A report to congress embodying the conclusions of Secretaries Weeks and Hoover on the proposal of Henry Ford for the purchase and lease of the nitrate plants and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was made in a few days, it was announced Friday night upon the adjournment of a preliminary conference between Mr. Ford and government officials.

Government officials participating in the conference said they saw no reason why the report could not be made in a day or so. Sec'y Hoover, who presided at the conference, however, declined to comment on the subjects discussed as did Mr. Ford and his engineers.

Sec'y Hoover announced that the conference would be continued tomorrow at the war department, provided Mr. Weeks was able to attend. Mr. Ford will remain in Washington until the war secretary has recovered from a temporary indisposition.

## AIR PILOT CRASHES INTO TREE AT GARY

Mail Carrier, Enroute Chicago to Cleveland, Has Mishap in Indiana.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Dan Kiser, a mail pilot who left Chicago Friday morning for Cleveland, crashed into a tree near Gary, Ind., at 11:30 o'clock and was slightly injured, according to reports reaching the flying field here.

The accident was due to the dense fog. Kiser, hunting familiar landmarks, flew too low. He was taken to a Gary hospital, where it was found that his only injuries were a sprained back and slight cuts.

The plane was badly damaged.

## 13 MEXICAN REBELS KILLED IN BATTLE

Four More Executed After Summary Courtmartial Near Mexicali.

MEXICALI, Lower California, Nov. 18.—Thirteen Mexican revolutionists were killed Friday in a battle and four more executed after a summary courtmartial near Mexicali, 20 miles west of Mexicali, capital of the northern desert of Lower California, it was announced Friday night by Gen. Abelardo Rodriguez, commander of federal troops here.

WOULD OUST COUNCILMAN. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 18.—The eligibility of Joseph O'Mara to hold the office of councilman of the sixth ward of the city of Terre Haute to which he was elected at the city election November 8, was attacked today in a contest suit filed by Harry C. Crompton, a resident of the ward. O'Mara received a certificate of election from the board of election commissioners.

## Gettin' Kinda Hot, Near-Suicide Pens As 'the End' Comes

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 18.—Leonard Bowen, 27, of Kokomo, Ind., wrote two farewell notes Friday, took poison, and then wrote another not on how it feels to attempt suicide. He was found in a downtown hotel suffering from the effects of the poison and was taken to the city hospital. Physicians say his condition is serious.

## CONFEREES KILL AMENDMENT ON INHERITANCE TAX

## Proposition to Boost Levy 25 Percent Stricken From Revision Program.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The senate amendment proposing to increase the maximum inheritance tax rate of 25 per cent on estates valued at \$10,000,000 or more to 50 per cent on those of \$100,000,000 or more, was knocked out of the tax revision bill Friday by house and senate conferees.

This amendment formed a part of the compromise revision program brought forward by the senate agricultural bloc and agreed to by republican leaders.

This was the only one of the remaining "high spots" in the bill on which the conferees came to an agreement Friday, but the house managers, in conformity with instructions voted Thursday by the house, accepted the senate income surtax maximum rate of 50 per cent.

At the White House Friday, it was said, President Harding was frankly "disappointed" by the house action on the surtax amendment and the disappointment was reflected in other administration and some congressional circles.

## Accept Senate Plan.

The house managers accepted Friday the senate plan to taxing insurance companies. This plan provides that life insurance companies shall pay an income tax on their investment incomes at the rate yet to be fixed for corporations.

Mutual insurance companies other than life will be taxed at the same rate on their net income, as computed under existing laws, while other insurance companies will pay the corporation tax rate on their net income as shown in statements required to be furnished on standard forms to state tax commissions.

## Other Agreements Reached.

Other agreements reached by the conferees included:

Struck out the Lafayette amendment requiring tax payers in making their returns to list the tax free securities held by them.

Adopted a compromise amendment exempting from taxation the first \$300 of income received from investments in building and loan associations, the exemption to run for five years from next Jan. 1.

The house had proposed an exemption of \$500 of such income, but the senate struck out the amendment.

Accepted the senate amendment striking out an original house provision allowing corporations to deduct from their income gifts to charitable institutions, provided the total did not exceed five per cent of the net income of the contributing corporation.

Accepted the senate amendment providing that where banks and corporations pay taxes for their stockholders they may deduct the amount so paid in making their income tax returns. The stockholders for whose taxes no such deduction would be permitted, however, to make a similar deduction in making their returns.

Accepted a senate amendment exempting from taxation the rental value of dwellings furnished to a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation.

Accepted a senate amendment exempting receipts received by individuals from ship owners' mutual protection and indemnity associations, not organized for profit.

Finish Work Today. Chairman Penrose of the senate managers, said the conferees expected to finish up their work Saturday but that the amended bill with the conference report probably could not be made ready for presentation to the house and senate before late Monday.

Final action on the report might be taken by Wednesday evening, Sen. Penrose said, but he added this now looked doubtful.

You business men should eat your noonday luncheons in the Oliver Cafe—wholesome tasty food—\$5c. 320-11

## NIPPON READY TO FIGHT FOR BIGGER NAVY

Plain Talk Across Council Table at Armament Conference is Expected.

## U. S. TO "STAND PAT"

American Statesmen Will Contest Any Change From Present Plans.

## BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—At Saturday's meeting of the "Big Nine," Ambassador Shidehara of the Japanese delegation will present a statement of the Japanese viewpoint in response to the proposals of the Chinese delegates.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Japan's request for an increase in the proportional strength of her navy may lead up speedily to some plain talk across the council table of the arms conference.

The American delegation stands ready to dispute stubbornly any material change from the ratio set forth in the American plan. That ratio, it was emphasized by the highest authorities Friday, reflects existing proportional strength and so cannot be altered without upsetting a fundamental principle of the whole.

## 10 to 10 to 6.

In effect, the American figures would give Japan six fighting ships to every 10 owned by the United States and every 10 owned by Great Britain. The Japanese have hinted, but never formally announced, that they want seven to 10. The naval experts of the United States really believe five to 10 is nearer the proper allotment. Great Britain has accepted the six to 10 plan in principle, but her spokesmen have been silent about the new Japanese proposals.

If it turns out that the "slightly greater" naval force suggested for Japan by Admiral Baron Kato only amounts to the addition of one battleship, the Japanese will probably then the emphatic objections of the American delegates may not be deemed necessary. But if the suggestion comprehends a real change in proportions, it is declared on authority that a determined diplomatic struggle will result.

## Far East at Standstill.

The clear delineation of the American position on this subject served to turn attention again to naval armaments Friday while the far eastern negotiations were at a standstill. The nations represented out details of their policy. Neither the conference nor any of its committees met during the day, but the nine delegations will assemble tomorrow in executive session for the resumption of their discussions of the far east.

Coincident with the disclosure of the American viewpoint on naval reductions it was revealed today that the administration does not propose to limit the armament agreement, if there is one, to the nations represented in the Washington conference.

Whether a treaty or simply an "understanding" would come out of the negotiations, administration officials would not predict, but it was said that whatever the form of agreement, the other interested nations would be asked to participate.

## Should No Treaty Result.

Should no treaty requiring senate confirmation result, it was said to be the belief of the administration that the whole armament program would be put through without congressional action. International "understandings" of policy do not require the approval of congress and officials say the proposed scrapping of warships could be accomplished under authority already possessed by the executive.

There was every indication tonight that all the powers would go into Saturday's far eastern conference fully prepared to express their views on the plan presented as a basis of discussion by China. During the two day recess the foreign delegations have been in touch with their governments, and although not all may desire to make detailed statements on their views at this stage of the negotiations, there is a general expectation that some progress will be possible.

What Japan Wants. The Japanese, in particular, indicated they preferred to have their policies developed step by step as the negotiations continue. They were prepared to ask for an interpretation of some of the Chinese "10 points" and seemed specially interested in the proposal for the re-examination of all compacts affecting China. Should China desire to reopen what Japan regards as "closed incidents," the step will be opposed determinedly.

General support of China's aspiration for national development, free from the restrictions that hitherto have surrounded her, was expressed today among the British delegates who declared their government was ready to give up the extra-territorial privilege as soon as Chinese courts were sufficiently developed to guarantee justice. A similar attitude already had been indicated by the United States.

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